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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to funding sources for preschool programs and
2 including effective date provisions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256C.4, subsection 1, paragraphs b, d,
2 and f, Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:

3 b. (1) A school district approved to participate in the
4 preschool program may authorize expenditures for the district's
5 preschool programming from any of the revenue sources available
6 to the district from the sources listed in chapter 298A,
7 provided the expenditures are within the uses permitted for the
8 revenue source, including from the school district's general
9 fund as provided in subparagraph (2), or from the school
10 district's flexibility account under section 298A.2, subsection
11 2. In addition, the use of the revenue source for preschool
12 or prekindergarten programming must have been approved prior
13 to any expenditure from the revenue source for the district's
14 approved local program.

15 (2) For the school budget year beginning July 1, 2023,
16 and succeeding budget years, if fifty percent of a district's
17 actual enrollment of eligible students in the preschool
18 programming for the budget year, determined under section
19 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph "c", is greater than the
20 school district's preschool budget enrollment for the budget
21 year, the district shall be eligible to receive a preschool
22 on-time funding budget adjustment for the budget year to be
23 funded using revenues from the school district's general
24 fund. The adjustment shall not exceed an amount equal to the
25 difference between fifty percent of the actual enrollment for
26 the budget year as determined under section 256C.5, subsection
27 1, paragraph "c", and the preschool budget enrollment for the
28 budget year, multiplied by the regular program state cost
29 per pupil. The board of directors of a school district that
30 wishes to receive a budget adjustment shall adopt a resolution
31 approving the use of funds from the district's general fund
32 and notify the department of education and the department of
33 management annually, but not earlier than November 1.

34 d. ~~Preschool foundation aid funding shall not be commingled~~
35 ~~with the other state aid payments made under section 257.16~~

1 ~~to a school district and~~ shall be accounted for by the local
 2 school district separately from the other state aid payments.
 3 Preschool foundation aid payments made to school districts are
 4 miscellaneous income for purposes of [chapter 257](#). A school
 5 district shall maintain a separate listing within its budget
 6 for preschool foundation aid payments received and expenditures
 7 made. A school district shall certify to the department of
 8 education that preschool foundation aid funding received by
 9 the school district was used to supplement, not supplant,
 10 moneys otherwise received and used by the school district for
 11 preschool programming.

12 *f.* The receipt of funding by a school district for the
 13 purposes of [this chapter](#), the need for additional funding
 14 for the purposes of [this chapter](#), or the enrollment count of
 15 eligible students under [this chapter](#) shall not be considered
 16 to be unusual circumstances, create an unusual need for
 17 additional funds, or qualify under any other circumstances
 18 that may be used by the school budget review committee to
 19 grant supplemental aid to or establish a modified supplemental
 20 amount for a school district under [section 257.31](#). However,
 21 a school district may approve the use of funds from the
 22 school district's general fund as provided in paragraph "a",
 23 subparagraph (2), if additional funding under this chapter
 24 is needed as the result of the enrollment count of eligible
 25 students in the district's program.

26 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
 27 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
 30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill provides that for the school budget year beginning
 32 July 1, 2023, and succeeding budget years, if 50 percent of
 33 a school district's actual enrollment of eligible students
 34 in the preschool programming for the budget year is greater
 35 than the school district's preschool budget enrollment for

1 the budget year (50 percent of the actual enrollment for the
2 base year), the district is eligible to receive a preschool
3 on-time funding budget adjustment for the budget year to be
4 funded using revenues from the school district's general fund.
5 The adjustment amount shall not exceed an amount equal to the
6 difference between 50 percent of the actual enrollment for the
7 budget year and the preschool budget enrollment for the budget
8 year, multiplied by the regular program state cost per pupil.
9 The board of directors of a school district that wishes to
10 receive a budget adjustment under the bill is required to adopt
11 a resolution approving the use of funds from the district's
12 general fund. The bill also modifies provisions of Code
13 chapter 256C relating to commingling preschool funds.
14 The bill takes effect upon enactment.